



**2. Fish & Wildlife
Committee
FY 2016
OFFICIAL ACTION**

DATE: October, 14, 2015

TOPIC: Sturgeon Setline Fishery

ACTION REQUESTED: Open Sturgeon Setline Fishery in The Dalles and Bonneville Pools

FORMAL ACTION TAKEN: At the present time a total of 232 harvestable sturgeon are available in The Dalles Pool and 722 harvestable sturgeon are available in the Bonneville Pool of Zone 6 of the Columbia River. This fishery will provide needed fishing opportunity while also protecting the sturgeon resource. Therefore, the F&W Committee authorizes a commercial sturgeon setline fishery in The Dalles Pool from 6 a.m. October 19 to 6 p.m. October 30, 2015 and in the Bonneville Pool from 6 a.m. November 2 to 6 p.m. November 13, 2015. Regulations (see attached) are pursuant to Title 32.14 of the Revised Law & Order Code of the Yakama Nation. Authority to enforce these regulations is provided under Section 32.18.07 of the Code. Violations of any of these regulations are punishable under Section 32.18.07 of the Code.

DECISION: APPROVED (X) DISAPPROVED () TABLED ()

VOTE: TOTAL 4 FOR 3 AGAINST 0 ABSTAINED 0

Members		Committee Activity			
		Roll Call	Motion	Second	Vote
Gerald Lewis	Chairman	Present			
Patrick Luke	Secretary	Present		PL	for
Delano Saluskin	Member	P			FOR
Lottie Sam	Member	Present	<i>[Signature]</i>		for
	Ex Officio:				

OTHERS PRESENT: _____

CERTIFICATION: Gerald Lewis 10.14.15
CHAIRMAN

COMMITTEE ACTION NUMBER: 016 2016-

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2015 YAKAMA NATION COMMERCIAL STURGEON SETLINE FISHERY

The Yakama Nation Fish and Wildlife Committee hereby authorize a commercial fishery for white sturgeon in all of Zone 6 of the Columbia River. The following regulations are issued pursuant to Title 32.14 of the Revised Law and Order Code of the Yakama Nation. Authority to enforce this regulation is provided under Section 32.18.07 of the Code. Violations of any of these regulations are punishable under Section 32.18.07 of the Code.

TIMES: 6 AM Monday, October 19 to 6 PM Friday, October 30, 2015 in The Dalles Pool and,

6 AM Monday, November 2 to 6 PM Friday November 13, 2015 in the Bonneville Pool

Fisheries may close sooner if the Sturgeon Guidelines are reached

Fishing during closed periods is a violation of Section 32.18.07 of the Code.

AREA: Setline fishing may be conducted in The Dalles Pool and Bonneville Pool, outside standard commercial fishing sanctuaries at hydroelectric dams. Commercial river mouth sanctuaries are not in effect during the sturgeon setline fishery.

Fishing in closed waters of the Columbia River is a violation of Section 32.16.01 of the Code.

GEAR: Commercial sturgeon fishing may be conducted with setlines only. Hook size must be 9/0 or larger and circle hooks are encouraged over J-hooks. All other gears are specifically prohibited. Setlines are restricted to no more than 100 hooks per line.

COMMERCIAL AND SUBSISTENCE SIZE LIMITS: Pursuant to Section 32.14.05 of the Code, it shall be unlawful to retain sturgeon less than 43 inches or larger than 54 inches in **Fork length** for any purpose in The Dalles Pool or sturgeon less than 38 inches or larger than 54 inches in Fork length for any purpose in the Bonneville Dam. It shall be unlawful to contort or mutilate sturgeon in any way to conform to size limits. Sturgeon must be delivered to the buyer "in the round", that is with fins, guts, scutes, and gills intact.

PLATFORM/H&L: platform/h&l caught sturgeon between 43 inches and 54 inches Fork length in The Dalles Pool and between 38 inches and 54 inches Fork length in Bonneville Pool may be sold during the open setline periods described above.

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